TOWN OF MANSFIELD Sustainability Committee Minutes of the Meeting July 28, 2010

Present: Stoddard, Miller, Matthews, Lennon, Walton (staff)

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by acting chair, Lynn Stoddard.

The June 23, 2010 minutes were reviewed.

Walton distributed information from the recently completed 2008-2009 small town carbon calculator. The information will need to be reviewed by staff before the sustainability committee can begin comparing 07/08 and 08/09 reports.

The committee reviewed Stoddard's 7-7-10 draft of "Sustainability Considerations for School Siting". Miller suggested adding traffic impacts under the "Other Considerations" heading. After that edit is made, Walton will distribute a second draft to the committee for a final review. The goal is to include "Sustainability Considerations for School Siting" on the Board of Education's September meeting agenda. Stoddard and Matthews offered to present the information at the Board meeting.

Matthews drafted the sustainability committee's first year progress report. Members agreed that the report should be used for the committee's presentation to Town Council after some editing. Walton will distribute a second draft for the committee to review and comment on.

Walton reported that the Town applied for the Climate Showcase Communities grant, which was mailed out on July 22, 2010. As discussed at last month's meeting, the application proposed beginning a joint Town/UConn electric car sharing program complete with charging stations powered by a photovoltaic system. It also included a community-based social marketing program to promote car sharing and shift the cultural attitude around the "necessity" of car ownership.

Stoddard stated that *Clean Air – Cool Planet* has a Community Catalyst Fund to support small projects, such as publicizing the Community Center's energy initiatives that include a photovoltaic system, co-generation heating and pool cover. Committee members were asked to think of other ideas and consider applying for a grant.

Stoddard reported that on October 10, 2010 the organization 350.org will be hosting a Global Work Party for communities to do something that will help deal with global warming. Committee members were asked to bring their ideas on work projects to the next meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 25, 2010.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia Walton Recycling/Refuse Coordinator

Cc: Members, file, Town Manager, Town Clerk